सर, मैं आपके माध्यम से कहना चाहती हूं कि मॉनीटरिंग का सिस्टम हमारे यहां पर है। हम समीक्षा करते हैं, राज्य सरकारों से रिपोर्ट मांगते हैं, on the spot इंस्पैक्शन करते हैं और उसमें अगर कोई गलती पाई जाती है तो हम उस एन॰जी॰ओ॰ को दी जाने वाली ग्रांट निरस्त कर देते हैं और राज्य सरकार को कार्रवाई करने के लिए भी लिख देते हैं।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Status of schemes under OBB and Education for All

*744. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details and the status of 'Operation Black Board' and 'Education for All' schemes under the Ministry;

(b) the aims and objectives of these schemes under implementation by the Ministry; and

(c) whether Government have achieved the desired goals?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (c) The Scheme of Operation Blackboard launched in 1987-1988 to improve facilities in primary schools of the country, provide for at least 2 reasonably large classrooms, at least 2 teachers and essential teaching learning material for every primary school existing on 30th September, 1986. In 1993, the scope of Operation Blackboard was expanded to provide three teachers and three rooms to primary schools wherever enrolment exceeds 100. The scheme was also extended to cover upper primary schools for Teaching Learning Equipment (TLE) and to provide an additional teacher. Under the Scheme funds have been provided to States for procurement of teaching and learning equipment to 522,902 primary schools and 138,009 upper primary schools. In all, 149,146 posts of additional teachers for converting single teacher primary schools into dual teacher school, 77,610 posts of additional teachers for upper primary schools and 83,045 posts of third teacher to primary schools with enrolment exceeding 100 children were sanctioned and also funds towards salary payment for all the new posts created were provided to the States. Provision for construction of school building was made under the

programmes of rural development on a sharing basis. In all 1.85 lakh additional classrooms have been constructed by States/UTs. The scheme of Operation Blackboard has been subsumed in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan from the Tenth Five Year Plan.

There is no scheme called 'Education for All' being implemented by this Ministry. However, to realize the goals of Education for All, Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, a national programme for uninversalization of elementary education has been launched with the objective of providing satisfactory quality education for all children in the age group 6—14 by 2010. The Scheme envisages preparation of District Elementary Education Plan (DEEP) by the States, reflecting community based habitation and village level planning. During 2001-02 a sum of Rs. 1106.26 crore have been approved for District Elementary Education Plans.

Similarly, to achieve the goal to Education for All, the National Literacy Mission (NLM) seeks to impart functional literacy to non-literate in the 15—35 age group. The objective is to attain a sustainable threshold level of 75 per cent literacy by 2005. The number of persons made literate till December 31, 2001 under all scheme of NLM is 9.66 crores. According to information received from the States, for the period 1996-97 to 2000-2001, 60 per cent of those made literate were women, 21.23 per cent were scheduled castes and 11.79 per cent were scheduled tribes. The total number of districts covered under the literacy programmes are 576. The effect of these programmes is evident from the fact that in the Census of 2001 the absolute number of illiterate persons has for the first time been reduced by 3.19 crores over a period of 10 years.

Deaths due to pesticide exposure

*745. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the report which appeared in The Times of India of 29th April, 2002, that 500 farmers died of pesticide exposure in AP and 1000 were exposed to related health hazards;

(b) if so, the details of the case;